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## **IDARNG CONSTRUCTS NEW READINESS TRAINING COMPLEX.**

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In April of this year, the Idaho Army National Guard's Orchard Combat Training Center completed the first two buildings of its battalion-sized Operational Readiness Training Complex.

The ORTC is located 15 miles south of Boise, Idaho near the township of Orchard, adjacent to the existing Mobilization and Training Equipment Site complex. It is the latest of several additions to the growing OCTC with other major additions including the completion of a fully manned fire station and a Combined Arms Collective Training Facility in 2013 and a railhead spur in 2011.

The ORTC complex will greatly augment the IDARNG's ability to serve as a regional combat training center. These constructed buildings allow for 200 beds and a medium-sized dining facility with a serving throughput of 900 persons per hour. Within months of its completion, several military units have utilized this facility to take full advantage of the OCTC's tank, gunnery, individual weapons qualification ranges in addition to others. The facilities are a



welcomed relief to the training routine as the nearest billeting and dining facilities are over 15 miles away at Gowen Field.

The construction consisted of a 16,755-square-foot dining facility; a 30,549-square-foot two-story barracks; 90 kilowatts of roof mounted solar panels; a 750-foot-deep water well; an 878-square-foot pump house; a 250,000-gallon water tank and associated upgrades to the adjacent MATES sewer system and waste water lagoon. The ORTC is situated on 46 acres of training land with paved and unpaved roads. The project started in November of 2010 and completed in April of 2014 with an overall construction cost of \$13,501,596.

The portion currently under construction consists of 12 buildings: 91,634 square-feet of three-story open bay barracks

(total of 600 beds); 22,569 square-feet of two-story officer quarters (total of 80 beds); a 11,237-square-foot battalion head quarters; 19,571 square feet of company administration offices; 11,848 square-feet of vehicle maintenance bays; and 4,800 square-feet of company storage sheds. All construction is scheduled to be completed by winter of 2015.

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